

Sons of Norway District 5 Convention and Lodge Meeting

Questions we are getting- June 11, 2026



August 2-6, 2026- Hosted by SN Mandt Lodge 5-314

Deadlines

- June 15- Well wishers, advertisements and sponsorships due
- July 1- Registrations, classes, and any additional meals
- July 4- Hotel blocks go off but we encourage you to book rooms ASAP- don't wait!

How to register for classes the convention is offering

- Rosemaling, woodcarving (at SN), and Hardanger classes register on the convention registration forms.
- Classes at Grand Inspired, Innovation Center Stoughton, and Spry Whimsy will use their direct links as they are handling their own registrations. Please do not write in those classes on the registration forms!

What registration form do you use?

- If you are a delegate from your lodge or a District 5 Board member, use the **Delegate Registration Form**
- If you are not a delegate but are a SN member, a spouse or family member, or others interested in attending the convention events, use the **Non-Delegate Form**.
- If you are a SN Mandt Lodge member who is volunteering at the convention and also want to attend parts of the convention, use the **Mandt Lodge Registration Form**.

Meals at the convention

- Delegate fees include the Wednesday and Thursday lunch at the SASD.
- Others can attend the Wednesday and Thursday delegate meals but need to register for them by July 1.
 - Wednesday- Brunch with fresh fruit, variety of quiches, 7-layer salad, au gratin potatoes with ham, and bakery items for \$17.
 - Thursday- Specialty sandwich trays with TAB (turkey, apple, bacon) on cracked wheat and Italian bread, Chicken croissant, Italian sandwiches on Italian and Cracked Wheat bread, and supreme veggie sandwiches on Tomato Basil Wraps and Cracked wheat, cabbage salad, potato salad, rotini salad for \$14. Note: Gluten free bread is available as an alternative to lettuce wraps.
- Monday- If you are on the Day on the Prairie bus, you will get the noon lunch and evening supper as part of your bus package (\$75). If you are just driving on your own for part of the day

and want to eat the noon lunch at East Koshkonong with the group or the evening supper at St. Paul's Liberty Church, sign up for the "Self Guided" meal on the registration form for the meal(s) you want. East Koshkonong- Sandwich, fruit cup, chips, pickles available and dessert. St. Paul's- Chicken Tetrazini, salad, bread and dessert with coffee, lemonade and water for \$20.

- The Tuesday lunch at Sons of Norway is a closed luncheon for only the District 5 Board and spouses, District convention committees and their spouses, and SN Mandt volunteers who are helping at the lodge that day.
- Tuesday- the American Legion is offering a pulled pork, potato salad, carrots and dip, potato chips, cookie, and water/lemonade or coffee for \$10. If you are attending the Hardanger Class or going to any of the afternoon workshops, this is an option for you. No registration needed for the meal.
- Wednesday banquet at the VFW- Baked cod and roast beef, coleslaw, macaroni salad, baked potatoes, corn, baked beans, and Berries on a Cloud dessert for \$30.
- All meal reservations must be made by July 1.
- If you have dietary restrictions or prefer a vegetarian option, please note that on the registration form so we can work with the providers.

Day on the Prairie- Monday

Two options for a Day on the Prairie which is a day full of experiences on the Koshkonong Prairie.

1. **Bus Option**- Up to 54 people taking a coach bus for a guided tour with off the bus stops at West Koshkonong Lutheran Church, East Koshkonong Lutheran Church, Rockdale Beer Cellar, Cambridge Historic School Museum, and St. Paul's Liberty Church and drive-by many more historic places. The \$75 registration fee includes the bus, water on the bus, lunch at East Koshkonong, dinner at St Paul's Liberty Church, and a presentation by Dana Kelly on *The Norwegian-American Legacy in Wisconsin: Descendants of Norwegian immigrants make up a relatively small percentage of Wisconsin's population. However, their impact can not be overstated. Join us to discover the history of Norwegian Americans in Wisconsin.*
2. **Drive on your own**- We will provide a map and narrative of the stops we are going to but you will be on your own for them. If you are at a stop when the bus is there, you are welcome to join us. If you want lunch or supper, you must sign up for the meals by July 1. This option allows you to take a class in the morning or getting to Stoughton a bit later on Monday.

Meals for Day on the Prairie

- Lunch – 11:30 AM at East Koshkonong Lutheran Church- \$10/person- This will consist of a sandwich, fruit cup, chips, pickles, and dessert. We will provide coffee and water.
- Supper- 4:30 PM at St. Paul's Liberty Prairie Church- \$20/person- Chicken Tetrazini, salad, bread and dessert with coffee, lemonade and water.
- Meal prices are part of the Bus Trip package. If others want to eat who are driving on their own, meals must be ordered by July 1.

What if our delegates/alternates change?

- Contact Darlene Arneson at arnesonfamily5@gmail.com with the changes.
- Darlene will then follow up with our registration volunteers (Jane Conner and Callie LaPoint) to see what needs to be done with registration changes.
- If the delegate signed up for classes, we cannot guarantee a refund for them. It's up to the venue.

Why two names?

- District Lodge Meeting- that is the business part of the convention week. It includes the board meeting, District convention committees, and the two-day business session.
- District Convention- the “fun” part of the convention! The workshops, classes, field trips, banquet, social times, silent auction, Cultural Arts Display and other activities.

When do you have to be there as a delegate?

- Wednesday and Thursday for sure if you are a delegate.
- If you are asked to serve on a convention committee, there is a lunch for the committee members and spouses on Tuesday and the committees will meet that afternoon if they need to. Most do a lot of their work via ZOOM prior to the convention.
- Current District 5 Board members must be there Tuesday morning for the Board meeting and then through Thursday.

What does a delegate do?

- Represents and speaks on behalf of your lodge on District business, resolutions, proposed changes
- Votes in the business session
- Review and act on the 2028 Convention Host Bids
- Might get asked to serve as marshals, greeters or in other roles during the meeting
- Accepts your lodge’s recognition and awards
- Attends all delegate sessions and votes on behalf of your lodge
- May serve on a committee if asked to by the District President
- A delegate is the only member (along with current District 5 Board Members) that can run for the District Board (if a benefit member or if they purchase a benefit product at the convention).
- Learn about Sons of Norway by attending workshops, visiting displays and visiting with other members
- Bring back many ideas, activities and enthusiasm that will benefit your lodge
- Report to your lodge about what they learned, business conducted and report on elections held at the convention
- Have a wonderful time and go home ready to carry out the mission of Sons of Norway!
- They also serve throughout the biennium until the next group is seated in 2028.

What is a Benefit Member? Someone who owns a Sons of Norway insurance certificate. You can see if a member is a benefit member by looking at the membership list. They are the only ones eligible to run for the 2026-2028 District Board or as an alternate to the board.

How do you pay for delegates? Each lodge handles this differently. Many will help the delegates with convention costs, registration, travel and hotel costs in varying amounts, paying it in full, or a portion. Some lodges will have a special fundraiser or event to raise money for delegate expenses.

Hotel Information- how to book rooms!

The hotel block is through the Tru Hilton in Stoughton. If we fill their hotel, we have a convention rate at their partner hotels in Madison. Rooms must be booked by July 4.

- Tru Hilton in Stoughton- \$125/night for Sunday through Thursday. All rates are net, non-commissionable, and do not include any applicable taxes unless otherwise noted and agreed upon. **Booking Link:** [Sons of Norway-Tru by Hilton Stoughton](#).
- Courtyard East in Madison- \$125/night for Sunday through Thursday. All rates are net, non-commissionable, and do not include any applicable taxes unless otherwise noted and agreed upon. [Book your group rate for Sons of Norway](#)
- Fairfield Inn & Suites- Madison East- \$125/night for Sunday through Thursday. All rates are net, non-commissionable, and do not include any applicable taxes unless otherwise noted and agreed upon. [Book your group rate for Sons of Norway](#)
- Hampton Inn Madison East- \$125/night for Sunday through Thursday. All rates are net, non-commissionable, and do not include any applicable taxes unless otherwise noted and agreed upon. Here is the booking link for **Hampton Inn Madison East:**
[Sons of Norway](#) The group code is NOR.

Our area has other options for lodging (not a block- on your own)!

Quality Inn and Suites (in Stoughton)- <https://www.choicehotels.com/wisconsin/stoughton/quality-inn-hotels/wi075>

Air BnB's- we have a number of properties in the area- <https://www.airbnb.com/>

Sleep Inn and Suites- Oregon, WI (8 miles away)-
<https://www.choicehotels.com/wisconsin/oregon/sleep-inn-hotels/wi288>

Comfort Inn and Suites- Monona- (12 miles away)
<https://www.choicehotels.com/wisconsin/madison/comfort-inn-hotels/wi205>

Quality Inn- Edgerton (Newville – 13 miles) -
<https://www.choicehotels.com/wisconsin/edgerton/quality-inn-hotels/wi072>

New Bed and Breakfast opening this summer- (3 blocks from the meetings)- The Goose Crown Inn-
thegoosecrowninn.com